(c) what was the unintended benefit made by the company and whether this is recoverable;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to recover the undue benefit;

(e) whether it is a fact that fake increase was recommended for this drug; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken against those responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per available information, the price of Entamizole tablets, a non ceiling pack, which is based on bulk drug Diloxanide Furoate was fixed in favour of M/s. Boots in September, 1989 on the basis of the notified price of bulk danie with the then prevailing practice. dance with the then prevailing practice.

(c) to (f) Paragraph 15 of the DPCO, 1979 empowers the Government to recover from the manufacturers, importers or distributors, as the case may be, only the amount accured due to charging of prices higher than those fixed or notified by the Government as per the provision of the said order.

Suspension of Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited

151. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD), Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited has been recently again suspended:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when he was appointed Chairman-cum-Managing Director;

(d) whether prior to his appointment as Chairman-cum-Managing Director, he was suspended earlier for corrupt practices; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Shri R. Venkatesan, Chairman & Managing Director, Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited was recently placed under suspension again w.e.f. 19th May, 1992. The suspension was following the report of CBI about irregularities in the matter of award or painting contract to a private firm CBI had specifically recommended that Departmental enquiry for major penalty should be initiated against Shri Venkatesan and three other officers of RCF and they should be placed under suspension.

(c) Shri Venkatesan was appointed as CMD, RCF w.e.f. 26th August, 1989 (AN).

(d) and (e) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Plastic Industry

152. SHRI P. UPENDRA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plastic industry in the country, and the woven manufacturers in particular have been hit very hard due to recent hike in excise duty on raw materials, devaluation of the rupee and high customs duty;

(b) whether the plastic industry has suggested any corrective measures; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Consequent to the import allowable under Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System, and increase in excise duties etc., the cost of plastic raw material have increased somewhat after Union Budget 1992-93. This has put the plastic industry under some hardship.

(b) and (c) Plastic industry has made several suggestions related to custom and excise duties adjustment and the same have been examind for appropriate action by the Government.